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FOR ADVANCE PARTY BUFFALO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO VLADIVOSTOK: INFORMATION

FOR MEMBERS OF PARTY

1. REQUEST FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME - IN SEOUL AND/OR ON BOARD AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE TO VLADIVOSTOK.

2. WEATHER: VLADIVOSTOK HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING TEMPERATURES WELL BELOW FREEZING. THE WIND CHILL FACTOR AT THE AIRPORT FREQUENTLY CREATES THE EQUIVALENT OF BELOW-ZERO TEMPERATURES. ALL TRAVELERS TO VLADIVOSTOK SHOULD DRESS WARMLY, INCLUDING WARM HEADGEAR AND GLOVES. APPROXIMATELY A FOOT OF SNOW FELL THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, AND MORE SNOW IS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE PARTY. OVERSHOES OR LIGHT BOOTS WOULD BE USEFUL DURING THE VISIT.

3. HOSPITALITY ITEMS: THE STAFF HOTEL HAS SPECIALTY SHOPS WHICH SELL SOURVNIRS FOR BOTH DOLLARS AND RUBLES. (THE LATTER CAN BE PURCHASED FOR DOLLARS). FAVORITE BRANDS OF TOILETRIES, CIGARETTES AND BEVERAGES MAY NOT, HOWEVER, BE AVAILABLE. MEMBERS OF THE PARTY MAY THEREFORE WISH TO PURCHASE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES

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OF SUCH ITEMS BEFORE LEAVING SEOUL. (NOTE: INFORMATION IN PARA 2

AND 3 WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IF DISSEMINATED WELL BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM SEOUL.)

4. SECURITY PASSES: SOVIET ID CARDS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL TRAVEL INTO OR WITHIN THE OFFICIAL COMPOUND. THESE PASSES WILL ONLY BE VALID IN CONJUNCTION WITH A WHITE HOUSE STAFF PIN OR OTHER U.S. IDENTITY DOCUMENT. THE PASSES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON THE TRAIN FROM THE AIRPORT BY THE U.S. ADVANCE TEAM. THOSE NOT TRAVELLING BY TRAIN WILL RECEIVE THEIR PASSES FROM THE ADVANCE PARTY REPRESENTATIVE WHO MEETS THEM AT PLANESIDE.

5. CLASSIFIED MATERIAL: PERSONS REQUIRING CLASSIFIED MATERIAL ON BOARD THE TRAIN SHOULD HAND-CARRY THIS MATERIAL, FOR WHICH THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE, SINCE THERE WILL BE NO SECURE CLASSIFIED STORAGE ABOARD THE TRAIN. OTHER CLASSIFIED NEEDED DURING THE VISIT TO VLADIVOSTOK MAY BE DELIVERED TO MR. JOYCE, THE STATE SECRETARIAT CONTROL OFFICER, AT PLANESIDE, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE STATE SECRETARIAT NSC OFFICE AREA IN THE WEST BASEMENT OF THE STAFF HOTEL UPON ARRIVAL. CLASSIFIED MATERIAL SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THIS AREA BEFORE 1300 HOURS NOVEMBER 24, FOR SECURE TRANSPORTATION TO PLANESIDE. SUCH MATERIAL MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED AS TO FLIGHT ON WHICH PASSENGER IS DEPARTING. CLASSIFIED MATERIAL NOT REQUIRED DURING THE VISIT TO VLADIVOSTOK SHOULD BE LEFT ABOARD THE RESPECTIVE AIRCRAFT.

6. SPECIAL DINNER: THE SOVIET HOSTS HAVE ARRANGED A SPECIAL "DUPLICATE" DINNER SIMILAR TO THE "INFORMAL DINNER" TO BE ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY AND SOME OTHERS. THE "DUPLICATE" DINNER WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF ARRIVAL, IN THE MAIN DINING HALL, TWO BUILDINGS TO THE EAST (LEFT AS ONE COMES OUT THE FRONT DOOR) OF THE STAFF HOTEL. THE DUPLICATE DINNER WILL BE FOR ALL AMERICAN STAFF NOT ATTENDING THE "INFORMAL DINNER."

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